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LETTER DATED 8 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 7 August 1996 addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, enclosing a number of tables listing the Turkish violations committed between 7 August 1991 and 18 July 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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Annex

Letter dated 7 August 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to inform you that, in violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, incursions into the country's territory and airspace by Turkish armed forces are still continuing on the pretext of pursuing elements that pose a threat to Turkey's national security. The anomalous situation prevailing in northern Iraq, which has been created by the large-scale military presence of the United States of America and its allies in Turkish territory, is thus being exploited, and the two neighbouring countries are being prevented from resolving the issues that have disturbed good-neighbourly relations between them.

Since 1991, after each assault by Turkish forces on Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Government of Iraq has alerted the Government of Turkey to the dangerous consequences of violations that pose a threat not only to the sovereignty of Iraq but also to peace and stability in the region and in the world as a whole.

As I have told you in my earlier letters, the Turkish Government bears full international responsibility for the acts of aggression being carried out by its armed forces inside Iraqi territory and for all of their consequences.

The Government of Iraq reserves its right under international law to seek compensation for the damage caused by these Turkish violations of its territory and its airspace. Through you, it renews its call to the Government of Turkey to reconsider its policy with respect to the situation in northern Iraq, to bring an end to a dangerous situation that poses a threat to security and stability and to promote cooperation between the two countries on the basis of good-neighbourliness and mutual respect.

As I reiterate my country's appeal to its Turkish neighbour, through you, to respect Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, I express the hope that the United Nations will meet the responsibilities entrusted to it under its Charter and that it will bring a halt to the intimidation and aggression to which my country is constantly being subjected.

I take this opportunity to transmit to you a list in tabular form of the letters of protest sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad between 7 August 1991 and 18 July 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Enclosure

Letters of protest from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad, 1991- 1996

1991

	Date	No.	Reason
1	7 August	7/3/4/1/66322	Penetration of our territory by Turkish forces
2	14 August	7/3/4/1/66330	Violation of our territory by the Turkish Army
3	26 August	7/3/4/1/66372	Violation of our airspace by helicopters
4	26 August	23/2/5/1622	Violation of our airspace and bombardment of various targets by Turkish aircraft
5	27 August	23/2/5/26015	Continued violations of our airspace and bombardment of targets to the west of Dokan dam and other targets by Turkish aircraft
6	11 October	7/3/4/1/16484	Bombardment of targets inside our territory in the villages of Banik, Shilan, Sayarah, etc. by Turkish warplanes
7	24 October	23/2/5/26046	Bombardment of villages inside our territory by Turkish warplanes

1992

	Date	No.	Reason
8	3 March	7/3/4/1/66150	Violation of our airspace by Turkish aircraft
9	10 March	7/3/4/1/66169	Raids by Turkish aircraft on targets inside our territory
10	16 March	7/3/4/1/66198	Raids by Turkish aircraft on targets inside our territory
11	26 March	7/3/4/1/66236	Raids by Turkish aircraft on targets inside our territory
12	22 April	23/2/5/126064	Bombardment of the Khatuk and Suraji areas by Turkish aircraft
13	11 May	23/2/5/126073	Ground attacks on our territory to a depth of 5 km
14	2 June	23/2/5/126082	Raid on the villages of Duri and Barwari
15	7 June	23/2/5/126087	Air raid on the villages of Khawakirk, Bir Kaman and Lulan Madraw
16	30 June	23/2/5/126104	Air raids on a number of villages inside our territory
17	19 July	23/2/5/126114	Air raids on a number of villages inside our territory

1993

	Date	No.	Reason
18	15 April	23/2/5/22	Statement by Turkish President Demirel, after meeting with the lackey Jalal Talabani, to the effect that Talabani and Barazani were protecting the border area and that the lackey Talabani had requested assistance in operating electricity generators
19	21 April	23/5/27	Visit to northern Iraq by an official Turkish delegation representing the Government, headed by a Foreign Ministry official and including officials from the ministries of health, agriculture and industry
20	12 June	23/2/5/70	Visit to northern Iraq by a group of Western diplomats (from the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia) accompanied by a Turkish diplomat
21	23 June	23/2/79	Entry into our territory by ground forces supported by Turkish aircraft
22	14 September	23/5/155	Visit to northern Iraq by an assistant to the Under-Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the pretext of providing humanitarian assistance
23	6 October	23/2/178	Shelling of the outskirts of Zakho by Turkish artillery
24	12 October	23/2/8/181	Shelling of a number of villages inside our territory by Turkish artillery
25	22 November	23/2/8/212	Entry of a Turkish force into our territory to a depth of 15 km
26	11 December	23/2/8/226	Bombardment of border villages inside our territory by Turkish warplanes
27	19 December	23/2/8/235	Bombardment of villages inside our territory by Turkish warplanes
28	27 December	23/2/8/245	Bombardment of villages inside our territory by Turkish warplanes

1994

	Date	No.	Reason
29	4 January	23/2/8/126003	Bombardment of areas in Dohuk Governorate by Turkish warplanes
30	26 January	23/2/8/126029	Entry of Turkish forces into Iraqi territory in Dohuk Governorate
31	28 January	23/2/8/126036	Bombardment of Zilli camp in Qal'at Dizah by Turkish aircraft
32	8 February	23/2/8/126051	Bombardment of the villages of Mizhi and Dari in the Iraq-Turkey border area by Turkish aircraft
33	30 March	23/2/8/126130	Violations of Iraqi territory in Dohuk Governorate by Turkish forces and warplanes
34	24 April	23/2/8/126130	Violations of Iraqi territory in Dohuk Governorate by Turkish forces and warplanes
35	7 May	23/2/8/126143	Bombardment of [illegible] Zakho, Amadiyah, Raniyah and other areas by Turkish aircraft
36	26 May	23/2/8/126166	Bombardment of the area to the east of Qal'at Dizah, Irbil Governorate, by Turkish aircraft
37	21 July	23/2/8/126238	Artillery bombardment of the Zakho district, and aerial bombardment of the Kani Masiba area and areas to the north-east of Amadiyah
38	11 August	23/2/8/126270	Bombardment of the area to the north-east of Amadiyah by aircraft
39	13 August	23/2/8/126273	Bombardment of the area to the north of Amadiyah by aircraft
40	21 August	23/2/8/126282	Bombardment of the township of Sidkan in Irbil Governorate by Turkish aircraft
41	27 August	23/2/8/126291	Bombardment of the Dokan district by Turkish aircraft
42	29 August	23/2/8/126309	Turkish aerial activity
43	13 September	23/2/8/126325	Bombardment of Zakho township by Turkish aircraft
44	17 September	23/2/8/125331	Turkish artillery and aerial bombardment of the area to the north of Amadiyah
45	22 September	23/2/8/125346	Aerial bombardment of the Zakho district
46	27 September	23/2/8/126355	Artillery and aerial bombardment of Amadiyah and Zakho
47	29 September	23/2/8/126362	Aerial bombardment of the Zakho area
48	10 October	23/2/8/126368	Entry of two Turkish brigades
49	12 October	23/2/8/126370	Turkish aerial activity
50	12 October	23/2/8/126373	Aerial bombardment of Zakho
51	13 October	23/2/8/126374	Aerial bombardment of Zakho and Amadiyah
52	23 October		Military operations in the Zakho area
53	31 October	23/2/8/126385	Artillery and aerial bombardment of the Zakho district
54	29 December	23/2/8/126445	Aerial bombardment of Amadiyah

1995

	Date	No.	Reason
56	3 January	23/2/8/126002	Aerial bombardment of the Zakho district and outlying parts of the Sandiyah subdistrict
57	2 February	23/2/6/126031	Aerial bombardment of villages to the north and north-east of Zakho
58	21 March		Military operations inside Iraqi territory along a front of more than 240 km to a depth of 40 km
59	6 April	23/2/6/126091	Violation of Iraqi airspace by Turkish aircraft
60	13 April	23/2/6/126102	Violation of Iraqi airspace by Turkish aircraft
61	24 April	23/2/6/126110	Violations of the human rights of Iraqi citizens in northern Iraq by Turkish forces
62	4 May	23/2/6/125117	Continued violation of Iraqi territory and human rights in northern Iraq
63	17 May	23/2/6/126136	Continued violation of Iraqi airspace by Turkish fighter aircraft
64	17 June	23/2/8/126156	Bombardment of the Nazdur area in the Zakho district by Turkish artillery on 28 May
65	18 June	23/2/6/126452	Bombardment of the Kani Masi, Nirwah, Rabkan and Ziwah areas to the north and north-east of Amadiyah in Dohuk Governorate by Turkish aircraft on 4 and 5 June
66	3 July	23/2/6/126171	Artillery and aerial bombardment of the Urah and Khaftin area on 15 June
67	7 July	23/2/6/126180	Fresh incursion in the Mirkah Sur sector on 1 July
68	9 July	23/2/6/126182	Aerial violation in the Shirwan area on 1 July
69	16 July	23/2/6/126188	Aerial violation in the Faysh Khabur area on 12 July
70	16 July	23/2/6/126189	Fresh incursion in the Mayzuri area on 3, 4 and 5 July
71	6 August	23/2/6/126203	Failure of invading forces to withdraw completely despite the announcement of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs that they would do so
72	9 August	23/2/6/126204	Aerial violation in the Shirwan area
73	14 August	23/2/6/126209	Aerial violation in the Zakho area on 5 August
74	5 September	23/2/6/126218	Aerial violation in the Zakho area on 29 August
75	10 September	23/2/6/	Aerial bombardment on 30/31 August
76	8 October	23/2/6/126243	Fresh incursion on 6 October
77	13 November	23/2/6/126268	Violation of Iraqi airspace over Zakho on 20 October; Aerial bombardment of the Darkar, Ajam, Kani Masi and Barzan areas on 23 October

1996

	Date	No.	Reason
78	7 March	23/2/6/126056	Violation of Iraqi territory in the Birjalah area to a depth of 22 km
79	23 March	23/2/6/126067	Aerial sorties in the Sarsank-Amadiyah area, and bombardment of other locations
80	30 March	23/2/6/126081	Entry of two commando companies and armoured personnel carriers, and aerial bombardment of a number of villages
81	30 March	23/2/6/126080	Visit by a United States delegation to northern Iraq
82	20 April	23/2/6/126092	Entry of a number of tanks into the village of Sarzari, and aerial and artillery bombardment
83	7 May	23/2/6/126106	Aerial bombardment of the villages of Tarwanish, Bint Nurah, Hulwah and Bik Dawah,and artillery bombardment
89	12 May	23/2/6/126109	Entry of military forces to a depth of 2 to 6 km to engage in military actions with air support
90	14 May	23/2/6/126114	Bombardment of the villages of Kisana, Zanari, Falanda and Fasruk, and aerial and artillery bombardment of other villages
91	20 May	23/2/6/126115	Entry of a military force with air support into Kani Masi, and aerial bombardment of other villages
92	29 May	23/2/6/126130	Aerial bombardment of the Kani Masi, Banyar Shann Radi and Ridanah area and other villages
93	11 June	23/2/6/126142	Bombardment of the Ardarah area and Rih Buralik, Latsi Darah, Balagha and Zilli
94	16 June	23/2/6/126145	Fresh incursion in which Turkish forces penetrated to a depth of 10 to 12 km to Mal Akhtah and other villages
95	18 June	23/2/6/126150	Aerial bombardment of Zakariyah, Sarkali, Baranhu, Wakawiyah, Duli and Jifari
96	29 June	23/2/6/126155	Killing of 11 Iraqi Kurdish citizens by Turkish forces in the Sardah Kashk area
97	3 July	23/2/6/126160	Retention of detachments in our territory after the withdrawal of Turkish forces, and aerial bombardment of Lirah and other villages
98	4 July	23/2/6/126161	Aerial bombardment of border villages and deployment of forces in the Artush area
99	15 July	23/2/6/126179	Aerial bombardment of the village of Butanah
100	18 July	23/2/6/126163	Incursion in the Sabandar, Butinah, Sinah and Fayruz areas to a depth of 10 to 15 km

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